

AMENDMENT TO THE CLAIMS:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

Claims 2 – 9 are canceled.

Claim 10. (new) A carrier for transporting equipment, said carrier comprising:
a spine member removable engageable in a hitch receiver of a vehicle;
a pin for securing said spine member to said hitch receiver;
equipment mounting hardware;
said equipment mounting hardware includes a platform removably mounted onto said spine member;
a flexible cover removably mountable on said platform;

and

attachment devices for securing said equipment mounting hardware to said spine member.

Claim 11. (new) The carrier of claim 10 wherein said equipment mounting hardware further includes:

an enclosed cargo box mountable onto said platform.

Claim 12. (new) The carrier of claim 10 wherein said equipment mounting hardware further includes:

an enclosed cargo box mountable onto said spine member.

Claim 13. (new) The carrier of claim 10 wherein said equipment mounting hardware further includes:

elongated members having "C" shaped channels formed therein mountable onto said spine member.

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14. (new) The carrier of claim 10 wherein said equipment mounting hardware further includes:

elongated members having "C" shaped channels formed there mountable onto said platform.

15. (new) A carrier for transporting equipment, said carrier comprising:
a spine member removable engageable in a hitch receiver of a vehicle;
a pin for securing said spine member to said hitch receiver;
equipment mounting hardware;
said equipment mounting hardware includes at least one elongated member having a "C" shaped channel mountable onto said spine member; and
attachment devices for securing said equipment mounting hardware to said spine member.

16. (new) The carrier of claim 15 wherein said carrier further includes:
an enclosed cargo box mountable onto said spine member.

17. (new) The carrier of claim 15 wherein said carrier further includes:
a platform mountable onto said spine member.

18. (new) The carrier of claim 15 wherein said carrier further includes:
a platform mountable onto said spine member; and
a flexible cover mountable onto said platform.

19. (new) The carrier of claim 15 wherein said carrier further includes:
a platform mountable onto said spine member; and
an enclosed box mountable onto said platform.

20. (new) The carrier of claim 15 wherein said carrier further includes:
a platform mountable onto said spine member; and
at least one elongated member having a "C" shaped channel mountable on said platform.

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